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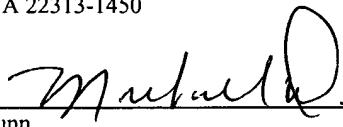
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Sir:

This is a status inquiry regarding the Decision on the Appeal for U.S. Serial No. 09/420,695.

A Second Substitute Appeal Brief was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 26, 2001 by the below named Attorney for Applicant. We received an Examiner's Answer mailed from the Office October 10, 2001; and subsequently filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. We have received an Order Remanding to the Examiner (mailed January 29, 2003) and a communication from the Examiner in charge of the application stating "The Information Disclosure Statement of Paper No. 26, filed January 9, 2003 has been considered by the Office" (mailed April 30, 2003 from the Office).

In view of the foregoing, please advise us of the status of the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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